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EXHIBIT 1

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said applicator is configured to enable the application of a substantially uniform layer of coating composition on articles having different dimensions.

4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the end of said metering bar positioned against said applicator has a radius of at least about 2.5 mm.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the end of said metering bar positioned against said applicator has a radius of at least about 4.0 mm.

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6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said metering bar and said applicator are arranged to enable said metering bar to exert a force of at least about 35 g/cm width against said applicator.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said metering bar and said applicator are arranged to enable said metering bar to exert a force of from about 45 g/cm width to about 900 g/cm width against said applicator.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said conveyor and said applicator are configured to enable said applicator to apply a coating to the edge face of a roll of tape disposed between said conveyor and said applicator.

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12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said first applicator comprises a roller.

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14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said first applicator comprises an endless belt.

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16. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said apparatus is capable of substantially simultaneously

- a) transferring a coating composition from said first applicator to a first side of an article, and
- b) transferring a coating composition from said second applicator to a second side of the article opposite said first side of the article.

17. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the article is a roll of tape and said apparatus is capable of substantially simultaneously

- a) transferring a coating composition from said first applicator to a first edge face of a roll of tape, and
- b) transferring a coating composition from said second applicator to a second edge face of the roll of tape opposite said first edge face of the roll of tape.

18. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said first applicator and said second applicator are positioned to maintain an article between said first applicator and said second applicator.